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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Armand Castillejo, Christophe Pinatel, Frederic Bossu,
and Christophe Garnier
Confirmation No: 6225
Serial No: 09/942,271
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AGAINST ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGES
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TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	=	Present Extra	X	Rate	=	Addl. Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	25	-	20	=	5	X	\$18	=	\$ 90.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	-	3	=	2	X	\$84	=	\$168.00

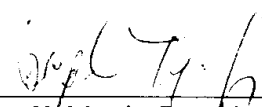
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT = \$ 258.00

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$258.00 is enclosed for additional claims added by the Preliminary Amendment. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 7-25 as follows:

7. A method for driving a load with an AC signal, comprising acts of:
- A) biasing the load with a DC signal only when the AC signal is present; and
 - B) preventing the load from drawing power when the AC signal is not present.

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